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SUBJ: CONVENTION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED

SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

REF: 012169

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM GON ACTION OFFICER ON SUBJECT CONVENTION (DOETS, MIN CULTURE, RECREATION & SOCIAL WELFARE) THAT GON WILL BE SUBMITTING MEMO TO PARLIAMENT WITHIN NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS WHICH WILL DEAL WITH SUBJECT CONVENTION AS WELL AS PROPOSED DOMESTIC LEGISLATION IN FIELD OF PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES. ACCORDING TO DOETS, MEMO WILL BE FORMAL RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS POSED EARLIER BY PARLIAMENT ON THESE SUBJECTS.

2. DIETS INDICATED THAT WHILE GON HAS CERTAIN PROCEDURAL PROBLEMS WITH WASHINGTON CONVENTION, THEY ARE VERY POSITIVE TOWARD ITS  
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INTENT. DIFFICULTIES WHICH GON PERCEIVES ARE IN AREA OF ENFOR-

CEMENT. PROBLEM IS TWOFOLD: FIRST IS QUESTION OF HARMONIZATION OF DOMESTIC LEGISLATION IN MEMBER COUNTRIES OF BENELUX CUSTOMS UNIONS. SINCE TRADE ACROSS BORDERS IS ESSENTIALLY UNRESTRICTED, EVASION OF IMPORT CONTROLS IS POSSIBLE IF TRADE IN CERTAIN SPECIES IS LEGAL IN ONE COUNTRY BUT NOT ANOTHER. SECOND PROBLEM IS CAPABILITY OF CUSTOMS SERVICES TO ADMINISTER CONTROLS. ACCORDING TO DOETS, THESE SERVICES NOT NOW TECHNICALLY EQUIPPED (NO "ZOOLOGISTS" ON HAND).

3. NEVERTHELESS, ACCORDING TO DOEST, GON NOTE WILL LOOK AT WASHINGTON CONVENTION POSITIVELY AND LEAN IN FAVOR OF SIGNING AND RATIFICATION. AT SAME TIME NOTE WILL CONTAIN PROPOSALS FOR NATIONAL LEGISLATION FOR PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES (ACCORDING TO DOETS, PROPOSALS FOR NATIONAL LEGISLATION, WHICH ANTEDATE WASHINGTON CONVENTION SHOULD BE MORE RESTRICTIVE - IT

WOULD PROVIDE MORE PROTECTION TO ENDANGERED SPECIES - THAN DOES WASHINGTON CONVENTION).

4. AFTER PRESENTATION OF NOTE IN NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS, DOETS ANTICIPATES PARLIAMENT WILL DEBATE ISSUE AND COME UP WITH DECISION, IN ABOUT TWO TO FOUR MONTHS TIME, HOPEFULLY IN FAVOR OF SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION. IF OUTCOME FAVORABLE, GON WOULD THEN SIGN AND RATIFY CONVENTION, PERFORMING BOTH ACTIONS MORE OR LESS SIMULTANEOUSLY.

5. EMBOFF REQUESTED COPY OF PROPOSED GON NOTE. DOETS AGREED HE WOULD PROVIDE SAME ONCE MEMO FINALLY CLEARED BY STATE SECY MEIJER (OUR INFO IS THAT SUBSTANCE OF NOTE ALREADY CLEARED BY OTHER MINISTRIES CONCERNED). EMBASSY WILL FORWARD TEXT.  
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